

AUSTRALIAN VASCULAR BIOLOGY SOCIETY INC. Australian Vascular Biology Society (AVBS) Travel Awards

Purpose of Award:

AVBS Travel awards provide postgraduate students (MSc or PhD) and Early Career Researchers (ECR) with financial assistance to attend a major international conference and present their research findings. Support is designed to facilitate travel, meeting registration and accommodation. The use of this award to combine conference attendance with additional career advancement activities is encouraged (e.g. international collaborations or meetings/interviews for potential postdoctoral positions).

Due date:

Round 1: April 30th for travel between January and June of the same year

Round 2: September 30th for travel between July and December of the same year

Award Amount:

Up to 4000 AUD

Eligibility and Judging Criteria:

- Applicants and their supervisors must be financial members of AVBS.
- Postgraduate students must be currently enrolled, part time or full time (not on leave of absence) and within timely completion (4 years FT, 8 years PT).
- ECRs must be up to 7 years post award of PhD.
- Applications must include evidence of abstract submission.
- Not a previous recipient of an AVBS Travel Award.

Assessment:

Applications will be assessed by a Panel consisting of the Education Committee, plus 1 or 2 other co-opted senior member(s) of AVBS, if required, to avoid COIs. Priority will be given to abstracts receiving an invitation for oral presentation, those attending major recognised international meetings (not limited to ISTH, IVBM, AAVBM, GRC, ASH, EAS), and those that combine their travel with further career development plans.

Application and Submission process:

Applications (including all Supporting documentation, see below) must be submitted as a single pdf file (file name: **AVBStravel_surname.pdf**) by email attachment to the AVBS Secretary (<https://avbs.org/committee>).

Supporting documentation

1. Cover Letter – outlining purpose of travel/novelty of research.
2. Curriculum Vitae - (3-page max, 12 font Times New Roman, 2cm margins, single space). Include all relevant awards, prizes, grant funding and publications (additional pages will not be considered).
3. A supporting reference letter from a supervisor/mentor.
4. Accurate travel budget, using discounted travel and accommodation rates, where possible.
5. Evidence of the accepted presentation (including oral/poster information).

Award recipients:

Successful award recipients will be required to provide

1. Copies of all tax receipts up to the award amount (in one submission) prior to the release of funds.
2. A short report, including a photo, suitable for release on the AVBS website and related social media.